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1. At 1700 on 23 June 1955, Albert Norden and Kurt Hager gave a press conference in the building of the SED Central Committee. The conference was attended by all editors-in-chief of GDR newspapers and the propaganda chiefs of all East German political parties. The conference was concerned with uniform directives for press and propaganda activities in the GDR, a uniform evaluation of the 24th Plenary Session of the SED Central Committee and the 4th FDGB Congress, the handling of the speech given by Molotov in San Francisco, and the arguments to be propagated in connection with the forthcoming Four-Power conference at Geneva.
2. At the press conference Albert Norden stated that the aggressive American imperialism incorporated by Dulles and the spirit of revenge represented by Adenauer must be denounced as political forces which do not want a relaxation of international tensions and are therefore not interested in the success of the Geneva conference. Dulles, who demanded a change of the political status of the people's democracies in his speech before the UN Assembly, proved by this interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states that he wanted to wreck the Geneva conference. This intention was also indicated by the way in which the shooting down of an American aircraft near the Soviet border in the Arctic was handled by Dulles.
3. Norden furthermore stated that Adenauer must be considered as the ally of Dulles. The West German Chancellor had delayed his visit to Moscow because he was not seriously interested in the reunification of Germany. Two weeks after the Soviet invitation had been received, Adenauer had not yet found it necessary to acknowledge its receipt. He was putting forth insolent conditions for his journey to Moscow in the hope that the USSR might reject them, thus giving him a welcome pretext not to accept the Soviet invitation. Reference was made in this connection to Adenauer's tactic in submitting a military-service bill to the West German parliament immediately after the receipt of the Soviet invitation. While the USSR proposed to begin a general disarmament

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with the withdrawal of all occupation forces from Germany, Adenauer requested the USA to reinforce the American atomic artillery in West Germany. According to Norden, Adenauer acted as a henchman of American imperialism in Europe. All political agitation must therefore be directed against him, because it was Adenauer that was mainly to be blamed for the continued division of Germany. This fight against Adenauer must be supported by convincing arguments and must not degenerate into personal vilification.

4. Norden also mentioned that the toiling masses in East Germany must be convinced of the necessity of organizing an East German army. Much stress must also be laid on efforts to raise the production of East German industrial enterprises and the general standard of living. All efforts must be made to improve the political indoctrination of the people and to increase the pride of the people in their Socialist achievements. The GDR must become the political and moral leader in the fight for the reunification of Germany.

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